

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, before the paragraph starting at line 5, please insert the following headings and paragraph:

### **--JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT**

The invention of this application was developed under a joint research agreement between Heraeus Quarzglas GmbH & Co. KG and Shin-Etsu Quartz Products, Ltd., to which a linked agreement was executed between Heraeus Quarzglas GmbH & Co. KG, Shin-Etsu Quartz Products, Ltd., and Heraeus Shin-Etsu America, Inc.

### **FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.**

On page 1, before the paragraph starting at line 11, please insert the heading:

### **--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --**

On page 2, before the paragraph starting at line 20, please insert the heading:

### **--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --**

On page 6, before the paragraph starting at line 11, please insert the headings and paragraph:

### **--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

FIG. 1 is a side view of a melt form with a quartz glass crucible therein.

### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION--**